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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of **SAPPINGTON, MICHAEL LEE** (Arizona License # 990069) (National Producer # 16202194) Respondent.	Docket No. 12A-094-INS **ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING BAIL BOND AGENT LICENSE AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

The Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") alleges that **Michael Lee Sappington** has violated provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."), Title 20. In light of the serious nature of these allegations, the Director of Insurance for the State of Arizona ("Director") finds that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action, within the meaning of A.R.S. §41-1092.11(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Michael Lee Sappington ("Respondent") is licensed as a resident bail bond agent, Arizona license number 990069, which expires on February 28, 2015.

2. Respondent's addresses of record are: 1018 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix, Arizona 85014 (business); 4862 S. Carmine, Mesa, Arizona 85212 (mailing and residence).

3. On February 29, 2012, the insurer holding Respondent's surety bond notified the Department that Respondent's bail agent bond was to be cancelled, effective 30 days from the date of the notice.

4. On March 14, 2012, the Department notified Respondent that the surety holding Respondent's bond was cancelling the bond effective March 29, 2012.

5. To date, Respondent has failed to replace the cancelled surety bond.

6. Therefore, as of March 29, 2012, Respondent has not maintained a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State.

7. The public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Director has jurisdiction.

2. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of the requirement that each bail bond agent maintain in force while license a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-340.02.

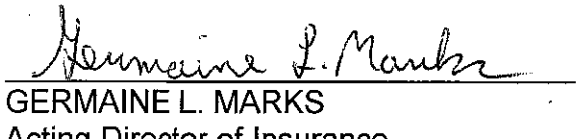
3. Grounds exist to order a summary suspension within the meaning of A.R.S. § 41-1092.11(B).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's bail bond agent license, Arizona license number 990069, is summarily suspended effective immediately.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 1st day of August, 2012.



GERMAINE L. MARKS
Acting Director of Insurance

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Title 20 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondent is hereby notified that Respondent may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-161 to contest the summary suspension. Such request must be in writing and received at the following address within thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

Arizona Department of Insurance
2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210
Phoenix, Arizona 85018-7269

Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the Director will issue an order setting the time and place of the hearing.

COPY of the foregoing mailed
this 2nd day of August, 2012, to:

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Respondent

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